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FORMED FROM PLASMA  
TREATED POLYMER  
SURFACES

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2005, the Advisory Action mailed February 6, 2006, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on March 23, 2006. The deadline for responding to the Final Office Action with a one month extension of time is March 29, 2006. Therefore, with the granting of the accompanying petition for a one month extension of time, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for the filing or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-2350. For the purpose of using said deposit account, a duplicate of page one and the signature page of the Response is submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: